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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

- 1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-4 and 18, drawn to a module for use in making a limit switch classified in class 200, subclass 47, and Claims 5-14, drawn to a limit switch, classified in class 200, subclass 47.
 - II. Claims 14-17 drawn to a method of manufacturing a limit switch, classified in class29, subclass 622.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

- 2. Inventions II and I are related as process of making and product made. The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process (MPEP § 806.05(f)). In the instant case a limit switch may be made by a materially different process such as being placed in a pre-molded case, which does not require the filling of a resin, securing it within.
- 3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.
- 4. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

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